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November 7, 2013

The Honorable Penny Pritzker
Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
Herbert Hoover Building, Room 5421
14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Pritzker:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Vidalia's application to the Economic Development Administration (EDA). This application will fund construction of the Vidalia Technology Center.

It is a pleasure for me to inform you of my strong support for this application. As you know, Vidalia is a dynamic city located on the banks of the Mississippi River. This city, under Mayor Copeland's leadership, has been focused on growing quality jobs and businesses in the area without sacrificing the strong sense of community in Vidalia. Vidalia's application to EDA will assist these efforts by constructing the Vidalia Technology Center at the site of the former City Hall building. This 6,000 square foot technology and business center will have shared business incubation facilities, small business training/counseling from a satellite office of the Louisiana Small Business Development Center, and access to high-speed broadband Internet. I also note that the City of Vidalia has already established strong regional and state partnerships to ensure this proposed project is successful.

I believe you will find the application to be exemplary in every way, and I would appreciate that you give it every appropriate consideration, within the applicable guidelines, during the review. In closing, I ask for any information that you may now provide on this matter and look forward to hearing from you about the final decision. Should you have any questions, please contact me or my Policy Director, Brian van Hook, at (202) 224-2747.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration and with warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Mary L. Landrieu
United States Senator

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